# 227 - Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo

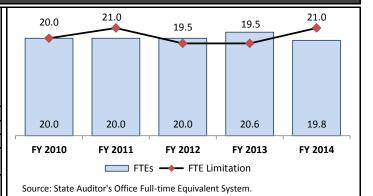
Workforce Summary Document prepared by the State Auditor's Office.

Based on information self-reported by the agency, the following items are worth noting.

#### Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees

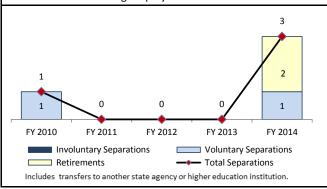
The agency's full-time equivalent (FTE) employee limitation increased by 7.7 percent to 21.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2014 compared to fiscal year 2013. Compared to fiscal year 2010, the agency saw a decrease of 0.2 (1.0 percent) in the total number of FTEs. While FTE limitations are set for the appellate courts, they are for informational purposes only.

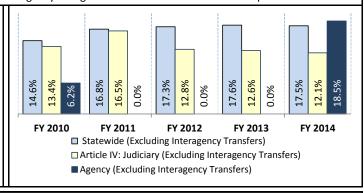
FTEs Below/Above FTE Limitation							
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014		
FTE Limitation	20.0	21.0	19.5	19.5	21.0		
Number Below or Above Limitation	0.0	-1.0	+0.5	+1.1	-1.2		
Percent Above or Below Limitation	0.0%	-4.8%	+2.6%	+5.6%	-5.7%		



## Employee Turnover <sup>a</sup>

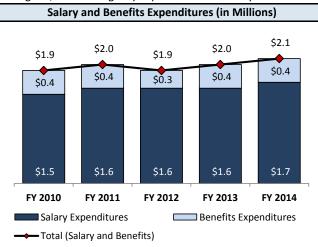
Excluding interagency transfers, the turnover rate within the agency (18.5 percent) was higher than the statewide turnover rate (17.5 percent) and higher than the turnover rate of Article IV agencies (12.1 percent) during fiscal year 2014. The fiscal year 2014 agency turnover rate including employees who transferred to another state agency or higher education institution was 18.5 percent.





# Compensation Information <sup>a</sup>

The average agency salary in fiscal year 2014 of \$67,151 represented an increase of 13.1 percent compared to the average agency salary in fiscal year 2010. In fiscal year 2014, 23.1 percent of employees were paid below the midpoint of the salary range in which they were assigned; and total agency expenditures for salary and benefits were higher compared to fiscal year 2010.



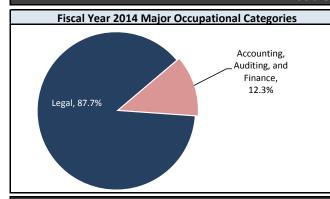
Average Salary Trends								
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014			
Chief Justice	\$140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 156,500			
Agency Average	\$ 59,382	\$ 59,224	\$ 59,224	\$ 60,343	\$ 67,151			
Article Average	\$ 60,969	\$ 61,925	\$ 61,788	\$ 62,377	\$ 66,533			
Statewide Average	\$ 39,265	\$ 39,804	\$ 40,160	\$ 40,398	\$ 42,116			

Note: With the exception of the chief justice, the average salaries are for classified regular, full-time employees only.

Number of and Total Dollars Spent on Salary Actions								
	Fiscal Year 2013			Fiscal Year 2014				
	Actions	Dollars Spent		Actions	Dollars Spent			
Promotions	1	\$	1,675	0	\$	0		
Merits	15	\$	31,490	16	\$	16,525		
One-Time Merits	16	\$	32,000	0	\$	0		
<b>Equity Adjustments</b>	0	\$	0	0	\$	0		
Reclassifications	0	\$	0	0	\$	0		
Totals	32	\$	65,165	16	\$	16,525		

<sup>a</sup> Turnover, salary trends, and salary action information was prepared from quarterly and year-end summary information received from the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Uniform Statewide Payroll/Personnel System (USPS), the Human Resource Information System (HRIS), and the Standardized Payroll/Personnel Reporting System (SPRS). Unless otherwise indicated, these data are reported for classified regular, full-time and part-time employees. Salary and benefit information was taken from the Uniform Statewide Accounting System of Texas.

#### Job Classifications b

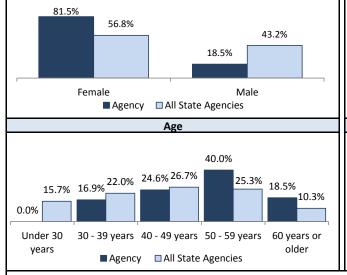


#### **Agency Job Classifications**

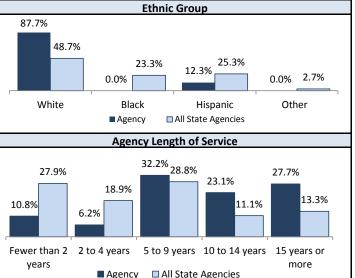
In fiscal year 2014, the majority (63.0 percent) of employees were classified in the following job titles: Attorney (49.2 percent) and Legal Assistant (13.8 percent).

### Fiscal Year 2014 Workforce Demographics b

On average, employees at the agency were 51.0 years of age and had 10.9 years of agency length of service. Of the agency's employees, 83.1 percent were 40 years of age or older, and 17.0 percent had fewer than 5 years of agency length of service.



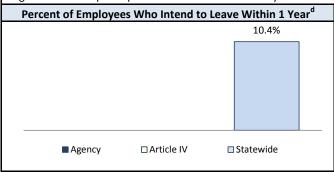
Gender



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Job classification and demographic information was prepared from quarterly and year-end summary information received from the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Uniform Statewide Payroll/Personnel System (USPS), the Human Resource Information System (HRIS), and the Standardized Payroll/Personnel Reporting System (SPRS). Data includes classified regular, full-time and part-time employees. Demographic data may appear skewed for agencies with fewer than 50 employees.

### Survey of Employee Engagement<sup>c</sup>

The Survey of Employee Engagement, administered by the University of Texas at Austin, is an instrument that measures employees' job satisfaction and employees' perceptions of the effectiveness of the agency. Scores range from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest. Article IV agencies did not participate in the most recent survey.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Information on the Survey of Employee Engagement was received from the Organizational Excellence Group at the University of Texas at Austin.

Source: State Auditor's Office 227 - Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Percentage is based on the number of employees who answered the question in the 2014 survey.